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## UNFORTUNATE TRAGEDY

### Beautiful Yerington Girl Takes Her Own Life.

For six months past our paper has recorded so many sudden deaths that the community is becoming fearsome. The climax of all, perhaps, came Sunday morning, when Lois Holland, in the heyday of youth, after writing two or three notes to family and friends, passed through her brother's room, took his revolver, and out at the end of the garden, sat down and ended her life with a bullet through the temple.

When they found her a few minutes later, she was lying on her side, feet crossed, hands clenching the gun between her knees. Her sister, Frances, found her. After reading the first lines of the note left on the table for her, Frances alarmed the family, she and her grandfather starting one way, and Harry and his grandmother starting the other.

It was not above ten minutes from the time Harry saw Lois go out of the door, and she must have walked very rapidly, indeed, to reach the farther end of the garden, which was 200 yards from the house. No shot was heard. Harry, helped by Ray Hironymous, who drove up just as Frances found her, carried the body to the house. They think she could not have been dead over four minutes when they got to her.

The telephone soon summoned the coroner and Dr. Leavitt, and conveyed the news to all parts of the valley, which has been under the pall of gloom ever since.

The Holland farm, with its grand old trees, is about seven miles northeast of Yerington. Her going there two weeks ago was her own choice. Though her father had several times urged the sisters to leave the hotel for the ranch, her announcement that she was packed to go was a surprise to him.

Whether the deed was committed in a momentary passion of self-pity, or whether it had long been brooded on, is not known. She remarked in town, Saturday, that the loneliness at the ranch would drive her mad, yet she had a horse and buggy at her disposal, and a piano and music. The week before some of the young people were down, and there was no end of jollity.

Lois was so extremely likable, being particularly free from pettishness, that she was usually the center of a circle of boys and girls. Her nature was so generous, she was apt not to be just to herself. When any blame for pranks was being handed round, she always shouldered the biggest share, regardless of facts. She was ambitious and fond of books, and seemed much disappointed at giving up her high school work last fall.

Her beauty of color, feature and figure, her ready smile and rippling laugh (she was a fun-loving girl), is what her friends will remember. On Railroad Day, gowned in severe white duck and black hat, her brunette beauty was remarked by many.

Lois was born on this same old homestead, September 10, 1892, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holland. She grew up and went to school in this community. She attended Snell's Seminary, Berkeley, for a term or so, where she did conscientious work.

The night before, at the party at Mason, she was her usual self.

The last two hours of her life she spent with her sister, Frances, in the fields drowning out gophers, laughing and merry as usual. After this, the girls came to the house, went to their room, and, while Frances made the bed, Lois sat at the table writing the notes.

The funeral was carried out to the letter, according to her written instructions. The Knights of Pythias and pallbearers escorted the cortege from the Trankle home to the Methodist Episcopal church, where Dr. Beatty conducted the services. The full choir rendered "Lead, Kindly Light," "Sleep Thy Last Sleep" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Spangler hall was opened to accommodate the immense congregation. Beautiful floral pieces graced the casket, a magnificent bunch of Easter lilies was the offering of the Copper Belt railroad surveyors.

The pall-bearers, at her request, were: Lee Turner, Roy Coates, Bawly Parsons, Clarence Chapin, Ray Hironymous and Joey Gallagher—all of whom were comrades of the deceased. The unfortunate

girl was laid beside her mother in the Hillside cemetery. She is survived by her Grandpa and Grandma Holland, her father, Charles Holland, her sisters, Mrs. Louis Trankle and Frances, her brother Harry, and cousin, Mrs. J. G. Kaufman. Lois was especially fond of her grandparents, and to the last called her grandfather by her baby title of "Wampus." The family and friends are staggered by the blow of her untimely end. D. W. H.

## Honor Roll Sanders School.

Following is a list of pupils of the Sanders School who have passed the examinations for promotion, and the grades to which they have been promoted:

Eighth Grade—Aimee Landry, Selome Riley, Christina Schacht and Viola West. Sixth Grade—Charley Grover, Harvey Larue, Annie Mathews and Ernest Mathews.

B Fifth Grade—Clair Butler, Violet Cummings, Manuel Grulli, Ida Grulli, Alfred Mathews, Nelson Mathews and Ralph Pursel.

Fourth Grade—Frank Lucas, Joe Mathews and Frank Smith.

Third Grade—Opal Butler, Mary Lucas, Frances Mathews, Fred Santina, Louise Santina and Cecil Stallard.

Second Grade—Leland Keema, Johnnie Lucas and Ernest Santina.

## Intermediate School.

The following were the highest in their respective classes for June; Miss Sperry, teacher:

Fifth Grade—Carlton Hironymous, Harry Davis, Annabelle Carroll.

Fourth Grade—Coral Sonne, Georgia Littell, Zenis Simpson, Emit Pursel.

Third Grade—Ruth Johnston, Clifton Sonne, Eddie Comerford, Walter Whitacre, Sybil Johnston, Dorothea Walker, Verner Hironymous.

Neither tardy nor absent: Walter Cox, Emit Pursel, Lucille Klaus, Roy Hoffman, Clifton Sonne, Coral Sonne, Carlton Hironymous, John Tehan, Dorothy Walker, Verner Hironymous, Walter Whitacre.

## Primary School.

Report of Primary Department for month ending June 7, 1910; Bessie H. Davis, teacher:

### HIGHEST IN CLASSES.

Primer—Stanley Martin, Angus McLeod and Fern Dillon.

First B—Eunice Murchie, Stanley Davis and Fred Santina.

First A—Laverne Webster, Mildred Klaus, Beatrice Carroll and Dorothy Carroll.

Second A—Lawrence Trenam, Lloyd Lamberson, Leila Knierim and Mary Cox.

Vernel Weber was winner of the Second Grade monthly spelling match and received a prize for being best speller for the year.

Lloyd Lamberson was awarded a prize (a pitcher's mitt) for best number work in second grade.

Freddie Young won the prize (a pitcher's mitt) for best number work in the first grade.

Leila Knierim and Eunice Murchie were perfect in attendance, having been neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

## Interesting Debate.

Last week Friday afternoon the pupils of Miss Sperry's Intermediate room had a debate, the subject being, "Resolved, that riches make a man great." The affirmative was argued by Harry Davis, Agnes Caddy and John Tehan; the negative by Carlton Hironymous, Annabelle Carroll and Chester Hilbun. The visitors at the school were: Mr. and Mrs. Hironymous, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. West and Dr. Beatty. It was decided that those on the negative side had the best of the argument, but those on the affirmative made very good speeches. It was the first debate ever held at that school and its excellence was a surprise to the listeners.

Mrs. Isaac Strosnider has returned from a several weeks' trip to San Francisco, where she went at a summons from her mother, Mrs. Swasey, who was ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Swasey is now recovering rapidly.

Bawly Parsons, foreman for the Conway Construction Co., went to Reno last week and secured 25 men for railroad construction work.

## Wake Up and Hear the Birds Sing.

One of the pleasantest memories of the writer's life is that of an old friend named Daniel Briggs and of a summer spent on his ranch in Colorado. He was a most lovable character and the way he could catch mountain trout was only excelled by the way he cooked them. He never knew from personal experience what the word "temper" meant and was an ideal companion for a nervous dyspeptic newspaper man.

"Dad," as we called him, was an early riser—and the writer is not. "Dad" would get up about 5 o'clock each morning, light a fire and then sit down in the doorway with a 22-rifle and shoot prairie dogs and tin cans until the surrounding atmosphere was punctured with holes of 22 calibre. About 7 o'clock he would figure it was time for his companion to get up. He always used the same words in calling, starting out in a mild, coaxing tone, but when he came to the last sentence he would raise his voice and yell it in a fierce manner, as though he had suddenly become angry. It went like this: "J-i-m-m-i-e, J-i-m-m-i-e, wake up and hear the little birds singing their praises to God—Gosh blast your lazy carcass, get up there!" You would have to hear old "Dad" say it to realize how funny it would sound.

Each day that we live in Mason Valley we recall our old friend's advice to "wake up and hear the birds sing"—and it is advice that can be followed with profit, in both a literal and figurative sense, by all the residents of Yerington and vicinity.

Nowhere in Nevada—and in mighty few places in the whole country—are there so many and so great a variety of beautiful song-birds as there are in this section. The trees of the valley are filled with the nests of birds. Among them are the mocking bird, meadow lark, thrush, oriole, linnet, butcher bird, wild canaries and humming birds. Of course, not all mentioned are singers, but there are enough so that one is frequently waked by their sweet music.

With our sordid human natures, however, the most of us prefer the music of the dollars as they jingle in our jeans to that of the sweetest trill of a songbird. But it only needs for the residents of Mason and Smith valleys to "wake up" and take advantage of the goods which Nature has lavishly bestowed, and the birds of prosperity will sing sweet music.

There are thousands of acres of most fertile lands in these valleys—and they are not producing in dollars and cents one-twentieth of what they should. While some of the ranchmen are making big money, the majority are not. The finest quality of potatoes are raised here, and this spring they sold for \$6.00 per ton delivered on the cars—and many are being fed to the hogs. It is true \$15 to \$20 per ton was offered for these same potatoes last fall, but something is radically wrong when they ever sell at present prices. This is but one illustration of money lost by the farmers of this section, through the lack of CO-OPERATION and up-to-date business methods.

In looking for a remedy it would seem that the first step should be the formation of a "Get-together Club," composed of the business and professional men of Yerington and Mason and the farmers in the country tributary.

G. M. Fraser, traffic manager, and Sam Arentz, superintendent, of the Copper Belt railroad, are taking a great interest in the matter, and have made some valuable suggestions. Some weeks ago the latter had as his guest, Prof. L. A. Merrill, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Logan, Utah. This gentleman is said to be one of the best posted men in the country on matters agricultural.

Prof. Merrill accompanied Mr. Arentz through Mason, Smith and Antelope valleys. After his trip the Professor said that he knew no section of the West that had a better future.

He further stated that these three valleys could and should support a population of 30,000, and that each of the 30,000 would make more money than is now averaged by the present limited population.

Prof. Merrill is so deeply interested in the possibilities here that he has volunteered to come this fall or winter—if he is invited—and deliver lectures to the farmers and show how to greatly improve the quantity and quality of the crops. For doing this he will only accept his personal expenses on the trip, which will be nominal. He has a number of beautiful lantern slides to illustrate the lectures, which will make them interesting to everybody.

Mr. Fraser suggests that a mass meeting be called soon, and steps taken for the holding of a "Harvest Festival" this fall, and have Prof. Merrill deliver lectures then. If a Fourth of July celebration is held this year, that would be a good time for the mass meeting.

There can be but one opinion as to the desirability of doing this. Let the business men, big land owners and farmers get together at once and start something.

Start something—and finish it right.

## Commissioner's Proceedings.

Dayton, Nev., June 6, 1910.

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Lyon County, Nevada, met on June 6th, 1910, and transacted the following business:

The monthly bills were examined, allowed and ordered published.

The bill of G. L. Ambrose for \$5 as services going to Mason Pass in the Richards case was rejected; the bill of R. W. Beaman was reduced \$10 and allowed for \$15; the bill of A. Carlisle & Co. was reduced \$3.75 and allowed for

\$13.67; all bills for taking school census in the several school districts in the county were laid over until the next meeting for the reason that the approval of the Deputy State Superintendent had not been received.

The monthly report of the Clerk and Recorder were read and ordered filed.

A petition from the Nevada Reduction Power Company of Dayton, praying for a right of way over and across certain public highways, streets and alleys, and for a right of way to construct a power line and for a tramway from the Haywood mine to the Rock Point mill, was

read, and on motion it was ordered that the same be granted.

It was ordered that a transfer of \$393 be made from the general fund to the officers salary fund; also ordered that a transfer of \$440.10 from the general fund to the District Judge's salary fund; it was further ordered that a transfer of \$2,000 be made from the general fund to the court house fund, this amount having been formerly transferred and now replaced.

All petitions now before the Board were ordered laid over until next meeting.

The printing for the month of June was awarded to the Mason Valley News.

The application of B. G. Bleasdale as Principal of the High School at Yerington, also that of Ola S. Hillis as assistant and Georgia McNair as an assistant were read, and on motion it was ordered that the employment of principal and assistant in the Lyon County High School be laid over until the next meeting.

In the matter of the application of the Mason Water, Light and Power Co. for the fixing of rates, it was ordered that the matter be laid over until the next meeting.

No further business appearing before the Board, an adjournment was taken until July 4, 1910.

## DAYTON HAPPENINGS.

A game of ball worth seeing was played at Dayton, Sunday, June 5th, between Dayton and Carson. The latter, however, winning by a score of 9 to 2.

It is fair to mention, however, that the local team are all hard-working boys and find little time for practice; but it was a good game, and would have been very close to a tie score had not two of the local players been out of regular positions, where they made a few costly errors.

It will be seen that the visiting team are credited with five 2-base hits, which were all long hits that could not be reached by reason of the condition of our out-field, it being dangerous to run for long hits, errors in those cases being omitted:

CARSON.										
AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.				
Pickett, 2b.	5	0	0	0	3	1	0			
Woodby, ss.	5	1	1	0	1	2	0			
Mell, c.	5	0	1	0	8	2	1			
George, 3b.	5	1	0	0	2	1	1			
O'Brien, cf.	5	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Wilcox, 1b.	4	0	2	0	10	0	0			
Clark, rf.	4	1	2	0	0	0	0			
Grant, lf.	4	1	0	1	1	2	0			
Karge, p.	4	2	3	0	1	12	0			
Totals.	41	9	9	1	27	21	2			

DAYTON.										
AB.	R.	1B.	SH.	PO.	A.	E.				
Schute, c.	4	0	0	0	12	2	1			
Willey, p.	4	0	1	0	0	13	0			
DR'nd'll, 1b.	4	0	2	0	7	1	0			
WSch'oly, 2b.	4	1	0	0	3	0	1			
R Schooley, 4	0	1	0	2	3	0	0			
Baroni, ss.	4	1	2	0	1	1	3			
Tailleir, #3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3			
Wilson, lf.	3	0	0	1	1	0	0			
HR'nd'll, rf.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Totals.	33	2	8	1	27	20	8			

\* R. Schooley played third base and center field; \*\*Tailleur played center field and third base.

Runs and hits by innings:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Carson.....0 2 0 1 0 2 2 0  
Base hits.....1 3 0 1 2 0 1 1 0  
Dayton.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1  
Base hits.....1 0 0 2 0 2 3 0

Two base hits, Baroni, Grant, George, Karge, Woodbury and Clark. Wild pitches, Willey, 1; passed ball, Schute, 1; bases stolen, Carson, 7; Dayton, 3; struck out, Willey, 11; Karge, 9; base on balls, off Karge, 1; triple plays, 1, Grant to Woodbury to George. Umpires, Johnson and Karge; scorer, West; time of game, 1 hour 30 minutes.

Left on bases, Dayton, 4; Carson, 4

Carl Belmont, of Churchill, was arrested last week on a charge of assault with intent to kill one Guiseppi Frugoli, an Italian. The case was promptly tried before J. H. Rae, our newly-appointed justice of the peace, resulting in the defendant being discharged. It was the justice's maiden case, and was well handled.

Bert Beroni, one of our prominent merchants, is repairing and furnishing a home he recently purchased in town. Something will happen later, when full details will follow.

Mr. Willey and family, of Churchill, are spending a few days in town.

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## STATE GRAND CHAPTER.

### Order of Eastern Star Meeting in Reno This Week.

Mrs. Thad Hoppin, Past Matron, Mrs. Reymers and Mrs. Hernleben, left Thursday for Reno, where they will attend the Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada, Order of Eastern Star, June 10th and 11th, when officers for the ensuing year will be elected and matters of importance to the order will be considered. About fifty delegates from all over the state will be in attendance and the sessions of the order will be held in Masonic Temple. Most Worthy Grand Matron of the World, Mrs. E. S. Washburn of Racine, Wis., will make an address before the assemblage during the session. The convention will be presided over by Mrs. H. J. Gosse of Reno, who is Grand Matron of the Eastern Star in Nevada. On Thursday evening, June 9, a reception was given to the visiting delegates and on Friday luncheon was served in Masonic temple. Today the installation and banquet will be held.

## EAST WALKER ITEMS.

Miss Lillian Webster returned home Saturday, after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. A. McLeod, of Yerington.

All the neighbors fully realize their loss in the death of Mrs. Wichman. Mr. Wichman has the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. Bessie Davis is to finish the school on the East Walker, Miss Morris having resigned.

The farmers are getting ready to cut hay—if the squirrels leave any to cut.

Gardens are very good along the river, but there is almost no fruit.

Walker river is quite high after the few days of hot weather.

Claude Dillon was a caller on the river last week.

Mr. Gus Nye and family, of Yerington, passed along the river yesterday en route to the Keystone mine, where they will run the boarding house at the mine.

Mining, in general, is very good in the Mt. Grant country.

L. A. L. Greene and wife were callers at the Webster ranch last week, having driven down from their Nine-Mile ranch.

H. S. Morgan and G. W. Webster are planning a camping trip for the summer—and their wives?

Mrs. Jim Compton was visiting at the Wichman ranch this week.

Mrs. Morgan and Miss Hattie were visiting at the Boerlin ranch a few days.

Mrs. Jesse Page is keeping house for Mr. N. Poli. TRIXY.

## Resolutions of Sympathy.

We, the undersigned committee, do hereby submit the following resolutions in behalf of Naomi Chapter, No. 16, O. M. S.:

Whereas, God, in His all-wise providence, has removed from earth the beloved father of our sister and brother, Mary and George West; therefore, be it Resolved, That we tender to the bereaved widow and family our deepest sympathy in this sad hour.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family of Sister and Brother West, and also published in THE YERINGTON TIMES as spread upon the minutes of the Chapter.

MAGGIE AMBROSE,  
B. H. REYMERS,  
LAURA McDONOUGH.

## Knights of Pythias.

Frank Barnett and Douglas Lawson, delegates from Greenfield Lodge, No. 30, left yesterday to attend the State Grand Lodge, which is being held today at Goldfield. They will endeavor to secure the next Grand Lodge for Yerington, and their instructions are to "bring home the bacon or you needn't come 'round."

L. W. Ross and Henry Blair of the Butte-Yerington Co., H. J. Stanley and Dan Forbes of Oakland, Kay Penrose and Thomas McPharlane, of San Francisco, were among the recent guests at the Commercial.